

HAWAII EARLY INTERVENTION COORDINATING COUNCIL
Quarterly Meeting
February 27, 2019

O‘ahu	1010 Richards Street, Honolulu, 96813, Basement Conference Room
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MINUTES

Members Present: Jason Maga (Chair), Bobbie-Jo Moniz-Tadeo (Vice-Chair), Ku‘ulei Arceo, Bonyen Colunga, Kehau Golis, Lindsay Heller, Adam Huillet, Aaron Kimata, Nagisa Kimura, Bernadette Lane, Lisa Lemon, Doug Mersberg, Lauren Moriguchi, Leah Muccio, Sandra Pak, Amy Tamashiro, Sharon Thomas

Members Absent: Michael Fahey, Senator Jarett Keohokalole (office representative attended), Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Dayna Luka, Toby Portner, Danette Wong Tomiyasu, Kerrie Urosevich

Ex-Officio: Charlene Robles, Patricia Hue, Mathew Shim

Guest: Daintry Bartoldus, Sue Brown, Brickwood Galuteria, Sarah Hardin, Christine Jackson, Jennifer Yamashita

Staff: Aya Aoki

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ FOLLOW-UP
1. Call to Order	Chair, Mr. Maga, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. <i>a. Introductions</i> <i>b. Review Agenda</i> Agenda reviewed. No additions or comments. <i>c. Review Minutes from November 28, 2018 Quarterly Meeting</i> Minutes were reviewed and approved.	
2. Early Intervention Section Update	<i>a. Part C Update – Charlene Robles</i> <i>[Refer to Early Intervention Section Update handout]</i> Part C application is currently posted on the web for public review. Part C grant for FFY2019 remains the same level from the prior year at \$2,301,492.	

	<p>b. Budget Budget request is to move direct service positions from Part C funding to State General funds. These positions deliver services that EIS may submit reimbursement claims through Medicaid.</p> <p>Two EI positions are partially supported by Title V (Accountant 20%, IT 10%), and the rest is supported by Part C grant or State General funds.</p> <p>c. Positions Vacancies continue to be a major challenge. The State programs, shortage differentials (increase in salaries) for direct service providers were initiated since November 2018 and EIS is beginning to see the positive impact with more applicants. On the Purchase of Service (POS) programs, EIS is finalizing the distribution of the \$2.7 million increase.</p> <p>d. State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) Robles provided workgroup updates. Demo sites are implementing the PSP Coaching model and meet monthly to discuss progress, challenges, and to support each other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Professional Development</u>: Finalizing training and mentoring plan. - <u>Fiscal/Staffing</u>: Prioritizing action items from stakeholder feedback. - <u>Fiscal/Tele-practice</u>: Updating training with assistance from UH. - <u>Data for Program Improvement</u>: Reviewing a tool for providers to assess Child Outcomes Summary process. <p>With regard to the data for Program Improvement work, Pak shared the DOH Children’s Mental Health’s experience in identifying and obtaining own data set that is useful for program improvement at the State level, apart from the Federal requirements.</p> <p>e. Initiatives and Activities Web-based data system contract near execution.</p> <p>f. Program Measures Dashboard with Complaint Summary [Refer to HEICC Program Measures at A Glance Dashboard handout]</p> <p>The council discussed the projected timeline for the web-based database launch. Robles explained that the database development contract execution is near and the contractor’s</p>	<p>Aoki to clarify/edit: Measure 5b: ‘Medical staff sick’- why it dropped and ‘other’ went up.</p> <p>Measures 5b & 6b: In FY16, late program reasons info was not included in the Dashboard. Indicate NA to differentiate from 0%.</p> <p>Measure 6b: Correct heading- Program Reason.</p> <p>Measures 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b: List up some ‘other reasons’ to provide examples.</p> <p>Complaint summary: Delete Q3 number.</p>
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<p>3. Council Business</p>	<p><i>a. Legislative Update – Dr. Patricia Heu</i></p> <p>Legislative bills HB678 HD1 and SB1243 mandate the reporting of diagnostic audiologic evaluation results to improve identification and follow-up of infants who are deaf or hard of hearing. The purpose of these bills is to ensure that diagnostic audiologic reports related to follow-up of newborns who did not pass newborn hearing screening, or when an infant's hearing status changes, are provided to the Department of Health (DOH). The national standards for early hearing detection and intervention are screening by 1 month of age, identification by 3 months, and enrollment in early intervention services by 6 months. Without access to all the diagnostic audiologic evaluation results on these newborns, the DOH Newborn Hearing Screening Program does not know if it needs to follow-up with the families to facilitate diagnostic testing or entry into early intervention services. Timely reporting and referral to early intervention will increase the proportion of deaf and hard of hearing infants receiving appropriate early intervention services.</p> <p><i>b. Early Learning Board- Lauren Moriguchi</i></p> <p><u>Early Childhood State Plan</u> A signing ceremony for Hawaii’s Early Childhood State Plan was held on January 30, 2019 at 1 pm in the Governor’s Chambers. Governor Ige together with state department heads representing Department of Health, Department of Human Services, Department of Education, University of Hawaii, and Executive Office on Early Learning signed a document representing their commitment to working together and with community stakeholders to implement the plan. The summary and plan can be found on the EOEL website and will also be provided to our partner agencies and providers so that they can include the plan on their websites. The plan encompasses both public and private early childhood services, as well as workforce development necessary to deliver quality services.</p> <p><u>Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5)</u> At the January 10, 2019 ELB meeting, the State Advisory Committee (SAC) was established as a subcommittee under the ELB. The SAC will propel the State Plan forward by advising on PDG B-5 activities including development of the Strategic Plan. The subcommittee will report monthly at ELB meetings as appropriate and will share</p>	

information and updates through various venues.

2019 Legislative Session

- ELB has voted to support measures related to EOEL's approved budget, sustaining the 18 Charter Prekindergarten classrooms, and prohibiting suspension and expulsion in the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program

EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program

Applications for SY 2019-2020 are now available on the EOEL Website. Applications will be accepted beginning March 1, 2019.

EOEL Positions

- Office Assistant - Ashley Miura has been offered the position of Office Assistant for EOEL and ELB. Ashley attended St. Andrew's Priory before graduating in May 2018 from Willamette University with a B.A. in English and Asian Studies.
- Program Specialist – The Office is currently interviewing for the Program Specialist position which will be focused on project management.

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March Events

March 6 Early Childhood Day at the Capitol, 10am – 12pm.
March 19 Early Childhood Action Strategy, all team meeting, 8:30-3:30 at Ko'olau Ballrooms.

	<p><i>c. HEICC Priorities</i> [Refer to HEICC Priorities handout]</p> <p>Sustainable funding and staffing (recruitment and retention) remain the major concerns and priorities for HEICC. EIS will continue to monitor recruitment. Benchmark could be one year from the implementation of increased salaries both at the State and POS programs. The council discussed that HEICC and EIS would need continued effort to secure funding for this federally mandated service.</p> <p>Web-based database development: HEICC action item would include ensuring providers/program/stakeholder involvement in the development.</p> <p><i>d. HEICC/Exec Committee Appointment and Vacancies</i></p> <p>Maga shared that there will be upcoming changes in the Executive Committee beyond July 2019, due to him reaching the term limit and Fahey’s retirement and requested that any council member interested in joining the Executive Committee contact the Chairs and/or Robles/Aoki.</p> <p>Aoki shared that the council has three new members, Nagisa Kimura from PHN, replacing Keri Kobayashi, Aaron Kimata from DOE, replacing Lori Goeas, and Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, replacing former Senator Josh Green. There still is one parent post vacancy. Aoki reminded Lane to submit a reapplication document to Boards & Commissions.</p> <p><i>e. FY2020 HEICC Chair/Vice-Chair Election</i></p> <p>The council conducted an election for the HEICC FY2020 (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020) Chair/Vice-Chair positions. The 17 council members present at the meeting unanimously elected the following members.</p> <p>Chair: Bobbie-Jo Moniz-Tadeo Vice-Chair: Kerrie Urosevich</p>	<p>Maga/Aoki to update the HEICC Priorities document and include this action item on database development.</p>
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	<p>f. <i>Parent Participation in HEICC</i> Chair Mr. Maga proposed and added this discussion item at the meeting. Maga appreciated all the parent participants and suggested that the council ensures support they need to help their continued participation.</p> <p>Heller shared that SEAC’s provisions make parents participation easier, including mileage reimbursement within a neighbor island, food, and a rental car (rather than only taxi or Uber). She also shared that parents have to cover Uber and parking costs upfront and wait for a long processing time for reimbursement. Robles appreciated the feedback and explained that we are not allowed to use federal or state funding to serve food/snacks at meetings, plus this meeting room does not allow food consumption per state building rules.</p> <p>Arceo shared that it is difficult for parents to take time off to attend meetings. As these are governor-appointed positions, if there is a letter or something to help discuss options with respective employers, it would be helpful.</p>	Robles/Aoki to follow-up and explore options to better support parent participation at HEICC.
5.Public Comment	Brown thanked all the work done by HEICC and EIS, despite on-going vacancies.	
6. Announcements	Two March events announced earlier. Refer to the Early Learning Board section.	Aoki sent an email on these events to the council members on March 1, 2019.
7. Future Meeting	<p><i>[Refer to 2019 HEICC Meeting Schedule handout]</i></p> <p>The next Quarterly Meeting will be on May 29, 2019, 9am – 12pm.</p>	
8. Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 10:36pm.	